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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant wishes to bring the following item to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the document is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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The following document is cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

(1) Patent Abstract of Japan, (A) 06-035521 (MITSUBISHI IND LTD), published February 10, 1994.

An English translation of the specification of JP (A) 06-035521, is submitted herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicant considers the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited document.

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